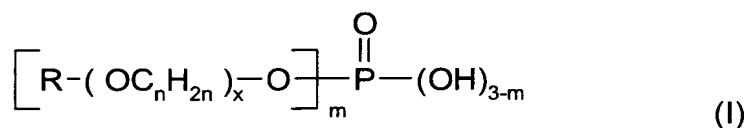


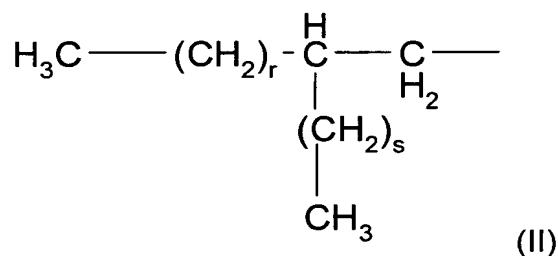
Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A compound ~~Compounds~~ of the formula (I)



~~where~~ wherein

- m is from 1 to 3,
 n is 2 or 3,
 x is from 6 to 8, and
 R is a radical of the formula (II)



where

- r is from 2 to 6,
 s is from 0 to 4,
 the sum total of (r + s) is from 5 to 7, and wherein
 the alkyl chains ~~are~~ may in turn be linear or branched.

2. (currently amended) A compound ~~Compound~~ according to Claim 1 wherein

- m is from 1 to 2,
 n is 2,
 x is 7,
 r is 4,
 s is 2, and

the sum total of (r + s) is 6.

3. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for preparing a compound ~~compounds~~ of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~Claims 1 or 2~~, characterized in that a comprising the steps of alkoxylating and subsequently phosphating a Guerbet alcohol of the formula R-OH, where wherein R is a radical ~~has the meaning of the formula (II), is alkoxylated and subsequently phosphated.~~
4. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 3, wherein ~~characterized in that the Guerbet alcohol is a C₁₀-Guerbet alcohol is reacted and wherein the alkoxylating step further comprises reacting the C₁₀-Guerbet alcohol with ethylene oxide to form an alkoxylated C₁₀-Guerbet alcohol and then the phosphating step further comprises reacting the alkoxylated C₁₀-Guerbet alcohol with phosphorus pentoxide.~~
5. (currently amended) A composition ~~Composition~~ comprising in aqueous solution ~~one or more compounds at least one compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 and water~~ Claims 1 or 2 and also further auxiliaries.
6. (currently amended) A composition according to Claim 5 comprising 40% to 70% by weight of the at least one compound of the formula (I), with 2% to 4% by weight being present in the form of the sodium salt, and 0.1% to 3.5% by weight of at least one auxiliary, selected from the group consisting of surfactants, biocides, defoamers and ~~or foam suppressants.~~
7. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for producing a composition according to Claim 6, comprising the step of mixing at least one ~~Claims 5 or 6, characterized in that the compound or compounds of the formula (I) and at least one auxiliary the further constituent are mixed in an aqueous medium.~~

8. (currently amended) A process for pretreating a textile material comprising the step of pretreating a textile material with a compound ~~Use of compounds of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 Claims 1 or 2 or of compositions according to Claims 5 or 6 for pretreating textiles.~~
9. (currently amended) A process ~~Use~~ according to Claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein the pretreatment step~~ comprises continuous or batch pretreatment operations under alkaline conditions.
10. (new) A process for pretreating a textile material comprising the step of pretreating a textile material with a composition according to Claim 5.
11. (new) A textile material pretreated with a compound according to Claim 1.
12. (new) A textile material pretreated with a composition according to Claim 5.
13. (new) A pretreated textile material made in accordance with the process according to Claim 8.
14. (new) A pretreated textile material made in accordance with the process according to Claim 9.